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## BIRDS OF A FEATHER.

There is an old truism that "birds of a feather flock together," and it is frequently exemplified by infatigable journalists whose associations render them incapable of expressing an honest sentiment upon any question of public policy. If a local newspaper criticizes what it deems extravagance in the administration of city or county affairs, and it not infrequently hits some member of the Dolly Varden contingent described under the euphonious title of citizens party, this itchy bacillus of deformed journalism rushes into the arena, upholding the action and extravagance, possibly upon the theory of public policy for the party in power. These not infrequent attacks on The Astorian have created considerable amusement, and so grotesquely ridiculous are some of the far-fetched arguments advanced that they remind readers of a work on "Roughing It" by Mark Twain, but in their condensed form they resemble somewhat Aesop's Fables.

It is impossible for either the public or a respectable journal to take the conceit out of little kids who have evidently shed their infantile wardrobe before they were ripe, and the game is not worth the powder, for in addition to dead ads and boiler plate there must be at least a column devoted to inelegant effusion in advocacy of the right of the party in power to care for the political pets and see that a place is provided for them at the public crib where services rendered is not as much of an inducement as inflated remuneration. It matters not how high the prices charged, or how exorbitant the fee demanded, if it goes into the pockets of the "faithful," but on the contrary, there is no virtue in any of the acts of officers or members of any other political organization.

A public journal is a public critic and its criticisms are appreciated by a large majority of the intelligent people provided the criticisms are justified by the facts and as long as they are not confined to any distinct political organization, but are published for the public good and in the interests of the taxpayers, irrespective of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Criticisms based upon unbiased or prejudiced argument, have their weight and influence, while on the contrary, insipid arguments by idiotic freaks, representing the vile and vicious element of the community from whence no remuneration for services rendered or an appreciative vote of thanks is ever tendered, have no more weight than a snow ball in the future home of the democratic party, and are not even appreciated by the few intelligent members of the citizens party, as elements of weakness and depravity are too apparent for careful consideration.

The Astorian is ever ready to discuss questions of public importance from an impartial and meritorious standpoint with any respectable journal of standing in the state, but it has neither the time nor inclination to pay serious attention to every whiff that is constantly barking at its heels, neither to bring any journal into prominence whose mission on earth is a mystery to the reading public. There is nothing to be gained by personal antagonism, and very few people enjoy reading "roasts," where there is no meat or gravy, but simply a dried up bone that wouldn't make soup for a Navajo Indian. If journalistic freaks desire to practice on The Astorian for what innocent amusement and pastime it brings, there will certainly be no objection, and while it may be nauseating to the public, there is always a time in every man's life when he is compelled to take a physic in order to relieve his system of an over production of gall and to relieve the strain on his mental faculties. There is no community but which at some time or another in its existence has not been afflicted with calamities or infested with supervacaneous sores on the body politic, and Astoria is no exception to the rule.

## BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

Some times an advertising agency in San Francisco and the east sends an advertising proposition to The Astorian which shows a style of wild, rash liberty which cannot be productive of thrift and prosperity. One of

these concerns has made a proposition to run a quarter column ad of a preparation which would make whiskers grow on some of the bald-headed men of Astoria. The ad was to run in the daily and weekly one year and copies of both papers were to be sent to the agent, and to the whisker manufacturer. During that time \$250 worth of local notices were to be inserted also. The whole thing at commercial rates charged in Astoria would figure up about \$400 and the princely sum of \$30, less 33-13 per cent, the charges of the agency was lavishly offered.

It is the duty of every newspaper to encourage the healthy growth of new and attractive styles of whiskers in Astoria and Clatsop county. Every one wants to see a whisker industry spring up here that will rival the wheat crops of the Willamette valley and eastern Oregon and Washington, but no paper can lend its aid to herald the glad tidings of whisker balm all over the United States and that part of Sand Island that Morgan does not own, but is claimed by the state of Washington. Just for the pure and innocent pleasure of seeing a picture in the paper ever day of a man with a beard on him like a buffalo overcoat.

Whatever will forward the interests of the lower Columbia river and give Astoria common point rates on whiskers balm, we are willing to do and to assist as long as we can do so and still obtain enough to pay freight on eight drafts and led pencils. But no one can wear out his life trying to inaugurate a tropical growth of whiskers just for the satisfaction of being a philanthropist, with toes striking out of his shoes. All newspapers want to see the liver pad, the vinegar bitters and moustache promoter industry in this country reach such a degree of prosperity that will be the envy and admiration of our sister states, but we desire also to obtain a handsome competence and to acquire that amount of arrogance and grub which wealth and position yield. Every editor is actuated by a selfish and mercenary spirit that has obtained the mastery over them, and who are often a slave to the wild, uncontrollable desire to revel in one shirt while the other is in the wash.

## APOLOGY OFFERED.

In an editorial Saturday relative to the excessive and exorbitant fee charged by George Noland for legal services in the court house case, it was stated that the attorneys would go on the witness stand and swear that

this was a reasonable fee. Several attorneys have called or phoned this office stating that not any of the attorneys would swear to such a statement and that they regard the fee exorbitant, and that the usual fee charged private individuals for taking cases to the supreme court is \$250, the same as was charged by Fulton Bros. The Astorian owes the honest attorneys of Astoria an apology. This being a friendly suit and for the benefit of the county, in which everyone was interested, it was supposed that only a nominal fee would be charged, but it seems that people have different opinions as to what is considered a benefit to the county and a pecuniary benefit to themselves.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

A kind providence has so regulated the weather in Astoria so that it rains nights and Sundays so that the laboring man can rest.

Market note: There will be no basement in the 1905 strawberry boxes. The berries roost high as last year, all in plain sight.

The Tillamook Headlight copies The Astorian article on Mr. Elmore's cow and says: "Let the Headlight ask The Astorian a question: How many calves could it raise with cows when it was impossible to crowd any more rings on their horns?"

Give it up. Didn't know that rings on horns had anything to do with propagation of veal.

Hello, central: Have you noticed that for a long time after some telephone girl marries a millionaire, the voice of every central sounds like the chimes of silver bells?

Aunt Jane—I guess Mr. Jones must be a very neat person.

Edith—And what leads you to that opinion?

Aunt Jane—He told me that your Uncle George said that all the clothes except the ones on his back were "hung up." Some men, you know, throw their things round everywhere.

Banker Bigelow says he owes \$3,277,000, as "near as I can remember." That's near enough. He can't pay 2 cents on the dollar.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion amongst the water commis-

## THE DRESSY SHOP FOR DRESSY MEN.



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Like the farmer's boy, we're "never done doing chores." Always busy on new ideas—ideas that work into novelties. Always hustling to keep our clothing ahead of the game. Are we succeeding? Well I guess we are.

If you want to know how much take a look at the suits we are selling for

\$17.50

ARVON

is the name of one of our "natty" suits for young men, built with a very broad shoulder full back with button vented seams



P. A. STOKES

KEEPS A DRESSY SHOP FOR DRESSY MEN.

## REMOVAL - SALE

WE MOVE ON JUNE 1st

to our new quarters. In order to make moving easy we place on Special Sale our entire stock of Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Shoes, etc.

Goods Sold at Cost During the Month of May.

CHARLES LARSON

WELCH BLOCK, 652 Commercial Street, corner 15th.

## CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

G. W. Morton and John Fuhrman, Proprietors.

CHOICEST FRESH AND SALT MEATS. — PROMPT DELIVERY  
 542 Commercial St. Phone Main 321.

## The TROY Laundry

Is the only White Labor Laundry in the City. Does the Best of Work at very reasonable Prices, and is in every way worthy of your patronage. Cor. 10th and DUANE STS. Phone 1991

## FRESH AND CURED MEATS

Wholesale and Retail

Ships, Logging Camps and Mills supplied on short notice.  
 LIVE STOCK BOUGHT AND SOLD  
 WASHINGTON MARKET - CHRISTENSEN & CO.

## AN ASTORIA PRODUCT

Pale Bohemian Beer  
 Best In The Northwest

North Pacific Brewing Co.

## First National Bank of Astoria

ESTABLISHED 1886

Capital and Surplus \$100,000

Weinhard's Lager Beer.

## THE BUSY STORE THE BEEHIVE STORE

For this week we will make a ten per cent. reduction on  
**LADIES' UNDERWEAR**

## GOWNS

Made of Cambric  
 trimmed with lace insertion,  
 V shaped yoke, regular 65c.  
 This week, each ..... 61c

Made of Cambric  
 trimmed with embroidery  
 insertions. Regular 65c.  
 This week, each ..... 61c



Made of Long Cloth  
 trimmed with Valenciennes  
 lace and embroidery insertion.  
 Regular \$1.00. This week, each ..... 90c

Made of Long Cloth  
 with tucked reverses and embroidery medallions. Regular \$1.50. This week, each ..... \$1.71

## DRAWERS

Made of Cambric  
 trimmed with tucks, embroidery  
 insertion and edging. Regular 42c. This week, each ..... 56c

Made of Good Quality Long Cloth  
 heavy lace flounce. Regular \$1.00. This week, each ..... 90c

Made of Fine Quality Nainsook,  
 Lots Fuller flounce, trimmed  
 with embroidery and tucks. Reg. \$1.20. This week, each ..... \$1.08

## SKIRTS

MADE OF CAMBRIC, flounce with tucks and embroidery. Regular \$1.00. This week, each ..... 90c

SKIRT, MADE OF FINE QUALITY CAMBRIC, with two insertions of Valenciennes lace and edging to match. Regular \$1.75. This week, each ..... \$1.57

SKIRT, MADE OF EXTRA FINE CAMBRIC, with deep flounce, delicately finished. Regular price \$2.25. This week, each ..... \$2.02

SKIRT, MADE OF FINE QUALITY WHITE NAINSOOK, extra wide flounce, trimmed with embroidery insertion, edging and ribbon. Regular price \$3.50. This week, each ..... \$3.15

M. S. COPELAND &amp; CO., 467 COMMERCIAL STREET



To prove that we give the best possible values, and sell only reliable goods at whatever price you care to pay. Our line of MUSLIN, CAMBRIC, LONG CLOTH, WHITE NAINSOOK UNDERGARMENTS is absolutely new and complete in sizes.

## CORSET COVERS and CHEMISES

CORSET COVER, Made of Long Cloth, trimmed with embroidery and ribbon. Regular price 35c. This week, each ..... 31c

CORSET COVER, Made of Long Cloth, with three insertions of Valenciennes lace and finished with Valenciennes edging. Regular price 42c. This week, each ..... 38c

CORSET COVER, made of fine quality Long Cloth, with lace yoke, nicely finished. Regular 75c. This week, each ..... 65c

CHEMISE, made of good cambric, with two V-shaped rows of lace insertion, edging to match. Regular 90c. This week, each ..... 81c

CHEMISE, Made of Cambric, with two insertions of lace, edging to match. Regular price \$1.50. This week, each ..... 90c

CHEMISE, made of good quality Long Cloth, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and ribbon at neck. Skirt finished with a flounce, ornamented with insertion and lace. Regular price \$1.40. This week, each ..... \$1.26